(a) According to available information the estimated number of out of school children in the age group of 6—11 and 11—14 years are 3 crore and 3.3 crore respectively. State-wise and sex-wise details of these children are, however, not available.

(b) A statement showing the drop out rate in classes I—V for the year 1996-97 sex-wise and state-wise is attached. (*See* below) However, information about age-specific enrolment is not collected and hence age wise dropout is not calculated.

Statement

Drop-out Rates in Classes I to V for 1996-97 (Provisional)

Sl No.	State/UT	Boys	Girls
1.	Andhra Pradesh	45.34	48.30
2.	Aruchanal Pradesh	53.74	48.60
3.	Assam	39.82	41.74
4.	Bihar	60.85	63.44
5.	Goa	2.74	9.52
6.	Gujarat	41.20	46.39
7.	Haryana	17.03	20.80
8.	Himachal Pradesh	21.33	30.05
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	34.40	33.63
10.	Karnataka	40.91	45.51
11.	Kerala	*	*
12.	Madhya Pradesh	25.97	38.29
13.	Maharashtra	18.65	25.60
14.	Manipur	41.12	43.68
15.	Meghalaya	59.45	62.45
16.	Mizoram	59.14	56.95
17.	Nagaland	38.53	34.12
18.	Orissa	50.75	47.90
19.	Punjab	24.03	21.76
20.	Rajasthan	48.79	57.02
21.	Sikkim	61.88	55.40
22.	Tamil Nadu	14.05	16.21
23.	Tripura	52.73	56.65
24.	Uttar Pradesh	22.31	22.94
25.	West Bengal	55.83	55.59
26.	A & N Islands	19.77	21.01
27.	Chandigarh	0.13	2.76
28.	D & N Haveli	32.57	47.55
29.	Daman & Diu	3.13	*
30.	Delhi	11.62	23.50
31.	Lakshadweep	5.44	*
32.	Pondicherry	*	*
	India	39.37	38.35

*There is no positive growth during this period.

Vacant posts of KV teachers in North-East

536. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Kendriya Vidyalayas functioning at present in the North-eastern Region;

(b) the total number of posts of TGT, PGT, etc. lying vacant in those Vidyalayas for the last five years, category-wise;

(c) the reasons for not filling-up these vacancies in all the Vidyalayas during this period; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken/ proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The number of Kendriya Vidyalayas functioning at present in the North-Eastern Region is 82. (Eighty Two).

(b) to (d) Total number of posts of Trained Graduate Teachers and Post Graduate Teachers which could not be filled up, on regular basis, are 202 and 197 respectively. However, short-term appointments on contracts basis have been made against majority of such vacancies in order to avoid disruption in studies of students. Vacancies could not be filled up, on regular basis, mainly because of non-availability of suitable candidates from respective Regions.

The exercise for recruitment to the post of Post Graduate Teacher has since reached an advanced stage. For other category of teachers also an open advertisement is being issued in leading Newspapers.

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